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trying to just serve individual localities. I thank you.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion. Chair recognizes Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I am just curious, as a point of order here, as to whether or not the old Legislature can adopt the rules of the new Legislature or whether we have to swear the new members in prior to the adoption of the rules. I would like a clarification of the point.

SPEAKER: I can say this Senator Duis, it has always been done before. I don't know whether it can be done, but it has always been done

SENATOR DUIS: Thank you very much.

SPEAKER: Another senator, Senator Waldron. Anyone else who wishes to be heard. Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Senator Keyes, could I ask you a question please?

SENATOR KEYES: To yield.

SENATOR WHITNEY: What difference will this make now compared to what we previously did during the conference that we held earlier? What exact differences is this going to make.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Whitney, as you know we have been divided into what is ordinarily called the rural, the urban, the cities, the ranchers and the farmers. We had a great discrepancy of who we represent and how when we caucus we try to get something across. This simply states that the first four members across there, 1, 2, 3, 4, that will outline your four legislative districts. We will pay no attention to congressional lines or anything. The next will be 5, 6, 7, and 8. And this lines them up and this will certainly give a balanced group on each committee. Should make a very good representation across this state, should do the very thing that we have tried to do with four. It should cut up the committees, it should set up the appointment of the committee chairman according to the state instead of according to districts.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I don't know how earnest Senator Keyes is in having this adopted, but it seems to me that it is a little late to inject into this session at this particular point another discussion on the rearrangement of the four districts. We did change the rules the last time we met here, some materially so, of which we have adopted at least in part, the whole new system in the election of at least the chairman of each planning committee and I would hope that to add further confusion onto confusion, if that's the right word, would not be very desirable now and I would suggest that the Senate vote down the motion and get on with the adoption of the rules if that's your gentlemen's privilege.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion. Are you ready to vote on the Keyes amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed, no. Let's have a machine vote. Have you all voted? The clerk will record the vote.